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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants recognize that, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner has accurately characterized any art or the subject matter covered by the claims 1-5, 13-16, 25, 26, 28 and 43-47. Nor do Applicants concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance for claims 1-5, 13-16, 25, 26, 28 and 43-47 would be the only reasons for which claims 1-5, 13-16, 25, 26, 28 and 43-47 are allowable. In particular, Applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations in claims 1-5, 13-16, 25, 26, 28 and 43-47 are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, claims 1-5, 13-16, 25, 26, 28 and 43-47 may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of dependent claims and respective base claims.

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